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Traffic Fatality #36

Case: 09-1620307

Date: Thursday, June 11, 2009

Time: 4:23 a.m.

Location: 10700 block of Harris Branch Parkway

Deceased: Hispanic Male, late 20's

Narrative:

On Thursday, June 11, 2009, at approximately 4:23 a.m., Northeast Area Command patrol officers were responding to a Theft in progress call in the 11900 block of Gaelic Drive when a silver Chevrolet Malibu, possibly involved in the theft, passed officers at a high rate of speed without its lights on.

The officer caught up to the Malibu after the driver crashed into a tree in the 10700 block of Harris Branch Parkway.

A preliminary investigation shows that a Chevy Malibu was traveling southbound on Harris Branch Parkway at a high rate of speed. The driver failed to negotiate a curve, lost control and struck a tree on the west curb line. The driver of the vehicle was pronounced deceased at the scene. Two Hispanic male passengers were transported to the University Medical Center at Brackenridge with non-life threatening injuries. Neither the driver nor the passengers were wearing their seatbelts.

Four tires with rims were found in the Malibu and returned to the victim of the theft from Gaelic Drive.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call APD Vehicular Homicide Unit Detectives at 512-974-8212. This case remains under investigation. This is the 36th fatality of 2009. During this time in 2008 APD had 26 fatalities for the year.

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